(b) if so, the details of the castes which are being included in the said list?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) No news item captioned "Fresh inclusions in ST List" has been found in the New Delhi (late city) edition of the Hindustan Times dated 11th August, 1996.

(b) Does not arise.

Proposal for participation of Workers In Management

2438. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having any definite proposal for effective participation of workers in the management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) A Scheme for Employees' Participation in Management is operating since 1983 in all Central Public Sector Undertakings except those undertakings which are specifically exempted from the operation of the scheme. All Departmentally run undertakings of the Central Government are also excluded from the scheme.

The scheme envisages constitution of bipartite forums at the shop and plant levels. In enterprises considered suitable, it also provides for board level participation. The Scheme provides for bipartite consideration of certain work-related issues concerning production, quality, targets, technological improvement, safety, welfare measures, environmental issues, absenteeism, financial performance of the enterprise etc.

(c) Not applicable.

Irregularities in the disbuTsement of loans under PMRY in the States of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh

2439. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are wide spread irregularities in the disbursement of loans under the PMRY in the States of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether a large number of loan applications are being turned down by Banks due to which the PMRY is proving to be a flop; and

(c) if so, action taken/proposed to be taken to ensure loans to needy unemployed persons in these States?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) As per the reports received from States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, widespread irregularities in the disbursement of loans under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana have not been reported.

(b) Banks may turn down cases recommended by Task Forces on their detailed scrutiny. While the performance of Bihar is not to the expected level, performance in Uttar Pradesh has, on the whole, been satisfactory.

(c) It is an on going effort of implementing agencies to see that the loans are given to the deserving unemployed persons under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana as per the parameters of the scheme.

Capacity of godowna hired by FCI in Punjab and Haryana

2440. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total capacity of godowns in Punjab and Haryana which the FCI has taken on hire for storing foodgrains and the rate of rent being paid to private godown owners;